

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING A
REQUESTED LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR A TRANSACTION**

Related Application

This patent application is related to co-owned patent application for APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ROUTING A TRANSACTION BASED ON A REQUESTED LEVEL OF SERVICE, having the same filing date and identified by Hewlett Packard Docket No. HP-10002670-1.
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Field of the Invention

The invention pertains to identifying a requested level of service for a transaction, wherein the transaction may be processed in accordance with the requested level of service.

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Background of the Invention

Server pools having multiple servers are often provided on networks, including the Internet, to handle large volumes of transactions (i.e., "requests to process data") thereon. Load balancing tools are used to direct incoming